

Parks, Libraries & Cultural Activities Committee Meeting
Monday, August 13, 2007
3:04 p.m.
Third Floor, City Hall

Present: **Chair:** **CM Stuckel**
 Vice Chair: **CW Green**
 Members: **CM King and CW Welch**

Absent: **CW Ward-Pugh (Excused), CM Peden, CM Engel**

Also Present: **CM Henderson**

Special Items for Discussion: Melissa Mershon & Joanne Lloyd - The New International Directory & WorldFest

CM Stuckel began the meeting by announcing the members that were present. A quorum was not established until 3:14 p.m..

Melissa Mershon, Director of Neighborhoods, and Joanne Lloyd, International Program Specialist with the Louisville Metro Office for International Affairs, gave an update on the International Directory. Ms. Mershon had a packet of information to handout to each Council member. The following was discussed:

- Free guide, published in July
- Great resource tool
- Reach out to refugees
- Distribution plan
- Refugee resettlement issue
 - Back-up on Federal level causing surge of refugees to the Metro area
 - Resettlement agencies

Ms. Mershon and Ms. Lloyd then discussed WorldFest. The following was discussed:

- Held on August 31st and September 1st on the Belvedere
- 5th year
- Celebrates that Louisville is so diverse
- 35 international food vendors
- 150 craft and information booths
- 2 stages for music
- Children's area
- Naturalization Ceremony
 - August 31st at 10:30
 - Over 500 new residents sworn in
- Parade of Cultures
 - September 1st at 12:00 p.m.
 - Begins at 6th and Market and goes to the Belvedere
- Sponsors
- One of the sponsors, Jose with Al Dia en America, told about his newspaper and involvement in WorldFest. He discussed the following:
 - Newspaper is 3 years old
 - Biweekly, but hope to be weekly by the end of the year.
 - Distributed to 320 locations in about 23 counties
 - Symbolic meaning of WorldFest

- A copy of the newspaper was given to each committee member

Without objection the meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

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